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The following sources of information at Vancouver, Washington, were checked in an effort to determine the subject's citizenship status and to develop information regarding her personal background with negative results:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Person Contacted</u>
Kaiser Shipyards	BARBARA BATES
McLaughlin Heights Rental Office	Mrs. GRACE BREIGHS
OPA Ration Board, Vancouver, Wash.	DOROTHY KESLER
Womens Division, Permanente Hospital Vancouver, Washington	JOANN CRANE
Voters Registration Bureau, Clarke County	Mrs. H. R. BECKFORD
Voters Registration Bureau, City of Vancouver, Washington	FERN JORDAN
Confidential Source A	

Records of the McLaughlin Heights branch Post Office were checked by Mrs. RUTH ANDERSON and revealed that on October 14, 1943, a forwarding address was left in the name of Aunt MOLLY JACKSON and GUST and MARY STAMOS notifying the post office that they had moved from 5819 D 1st South, McLaughlin Heights, to 1219 H East 76th Street, McLaughlin Heights, Vancouver, Washington.

Accordingly, the records of the McLaughlin Heights Rental Office furnished by Miss BARBARA TAYLOR, were reviewed by the writer and revealed that GUST STAMOS leased the apartment located at 1219 H East 76th Avenue, McLaughlin Heights, on October 12, 1943. STAMOS on his application for housing listed his family as follows:

GUST STAMOS age 46
MARY IDA STAMOS age 54
JIM STEWART (step son) age 38.

STAMOS also listed the information that he had moved from New York City to Vancouver, Washington, in July, 1943. It is also noted that in his application for housing, he requested to be near JIM GARLAND, who by way of information, is known to be a member of the Vancouver branch of the CP. It is noted that GUST STAMOS did not list the subject under the name MOLLY JACKSON as a member of his family and as a resident of 1219 H East 76th Avenue. In this connection, reference is made to the report of Special Agent ALBERT J. KLEIN dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1944, in the case entitled GUST STAMOS, with aliases,

Security Matter - C, wherein it is reflected that the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Philadelphia, reflect that independent investigations by the Immigration Service regarding GUST STAMOS as an applicant for naturalization, revealed that he had been living in extra marital relationship with his mother in law, MOLLIE JACKSON. The true name of the wife of GUST STAMOS is IDA SHAW and not MARY IDA STAMOS as he listed in his application for housing in the McLaughlin Heights Project.

According to the files of the Immigration Service, GUST STAMOS left his true wife, IDA SHAW in 1931 and in the same year assumed marital relationship with his mother in law, MOLLIE JACKSON, claiming never to have located his legal wife since her departure. It is further noted that a Mrs. MOLLIE JACKSON, 25 Broome Street, New York City, executed an affidavit in GUST STAMOS' behalf in connection with his application for naturalization on January 5, 1942.

Further reference is made to the report of Special Agent JOHN E. KEANE dated at New York City March 30, 1944, in the case entitled GUST STAMOS, with aliases, Security Matter - C wherein it is reflected the Selective Service file of GUST STAMOS furnished the information that he was married to IDA SHAW and had separated from her. In his Selective Service file GUST STAMOS listed his nearest relative as being Mrs. MARY STAMOS, 25 Broome Street, New York City. He also listed the information that from 1940 to 1941 he was employed as a chef by MOLLIE JACKSON at 25 Broome Street, New York City. It is believed that subject possibly uses the names MOLLIE JACKSON and MARY IDA STAMOS interchangeably and is presently residing in extra marital relationship with GUST STAMOS at 1219 H East 76th Avenue, McLaughlin Heights, Vancouver, Washington.

According to the records of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Clark County, Vancouver, Washington, GUST STAMOS was issued Certificate of Naturalization No. 6036172 on November 19, 1943. His true name is CONSTANTINOS STAMOS ~~STAMATELATOS~~ but by order of the court on November 19, 1943, his name was officially changed to GUST STAMOS. The records of the court further revealed that MOLLY JACKSON, 1219 H East 76th Avenue, McLaughlin Heights, Vancouver, Washington, and HAZEL ~~GARLAND~~, 1216 C Garrison Road, McLaughlin Heights, Vancouver, Washington, acted as witnesses for GUST STAMOS in his application for a certificate of naturalization. By way of information, HAZEL GARLAND is the wife of JAMES C. ~~GARLAND~~ and is known to be a member of the Vancouver branch of the Communist Party.

Mrs. E. H. WRIGHT, 1219 E East 76th Avenue, McLaughlin Heights, Vancouver, Washington, advised that "Aunt Molly" lived at 1219 H East 76th Avenue, McLaughlin Heights, with her husband. No other individuals reside at this address. According to Mrs. WRIGHT the subject is a very radical person on all questions and does not limit her radicalism to political or economic viewpoints. Mrs. WRIGHT stated people in the neighborhood are frankly afraid of the subject. Subject is not employed but acts as a housewife for her husband who is employed as an electrician at the Kaiser Shipyards in Vancouver, Washington. Mrs. WRIGHT further stated subject is always distributing patriotic literature of some nature citing as an example, a pamphlet distributed by the subject on how to conserve beef fats for war use. Recently the subject made a door to door canvass for money for some patriotic cause the nature of which Mrs. WRIGHT could not recall. Mrs. WRIGHT also advised the subject is originally from Kentucky although she came to Vancouver, Washington, from New York City.

Mrs. E. I. JOHNSON, 1219 A East 76th Avenue, McLaughlin Heights, also verified the fact that only the subject and her husband reside at 1219 H East 76th Avenue. According to Mrs. JOHNSON, the subject advised her that GUST STAMOS is her second husband. Mrs. JOHNSON knew nothing regarding the subject's possible radical activities in the neighborhood since she only recently moved into the neighborhood and was not well acquainted with the subject.

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- COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES -

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished Special Agent MAX L. GREENSTREET with a letter written by HAROLD SHAPIRO to RED STOVALL (FRANK RICHARD STOVALL), former Executive Secretary of the Multnomah County Communist Party dated July 16, 1943. HAROLD SHAPIRO was the chairman and organizer of the Vancouver branch of the Communist Party throughout the year 1943 and is presently a CP functionary in Portland, Oregon. The pertinent section of this letter regarding the subject is quoted as follows:

"That Molly Jackson "recruit" is the Aunt Molly Jackson. Quite a character - if that is not an uncomradely description."

(Signed) Hal.

[redacted] also furnished an envelope postmarked at Portland, Oregon, July 20, 1943, bearing the return address 204 Postal Building, Portland, Oregon, which is the CP headquarters. This envelope was addressed to MOLLY JACKSON, McLaughlin Heights, 1216 - C,

Vancouver, Washington. The envelope had been returned unclaimed and contained a mimeographed letter by FRANK RICHARD STOVALL, former Executive Secretary of the Multnomah County Communist Party, advising the subject of the WILLIAM Z. FOSTER meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon, July 24, 1943. At the bottom of the mimeographed letter appeared a handwritten notation by STOVALL which is quoted as follows:

"Congratulations on your joining our Party. Your Branch Secretary will have your book at the next meeting."

On December 30, 1943, Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished Special Agent HOWARD W. JENNINGS with the information that JAMES A. MURPHY, former Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Communist Party, wrote to MOLLY JACKSON regarding her dues payments in the CP. FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On February 25, 1944, Confidential Informant T-1 who is a member of the Vancouver, Washington, branch of the CP, was contacted by the writer in an effort to identify the subject as an active member of this branch. T-1 stated that he himself had not recently attended meetings of the branch but had actively attended branch meetings throughout the summer and fall of 1943 and had never met the subject or GUST STAMOS at any of the branch meetings. T-1 advised that it was possible subject might have attended one of the meetings where there was a large attendance and he had not met all of the individuals present but she was apparently not very active in the affairs of the branch or in the discussions ensuing at the branch meetings or he would certainly have noticed her or been introduced to her.

Records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office and the Vancouver, Washington, Police Department were checked regarding the subject with negative results.

- DESCRIPTION -

The following physical description of the subject was obtained from observation by witnesses:

Age	60
Height	5' 5"
Weight	170
Hair	Black, streaked with gray

Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Build	Heavy
Peculiarities	Talks loudly; dresses in a sloppy fashion; favors gaudy colors in dress.

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AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

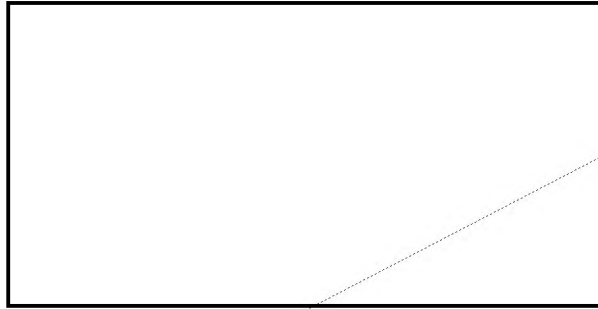
Will interview the subject at her residence, 1219 H East 76th Avenue, McLaughlin Heights, under pretext, and endeavor to obtain from her information regarding her citizenship and previous employment.

Will recontact Confidential Informant T-1 in an effort to identify the subject as being presently active in the Vancouver, Washington, branch of the CP.

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Clay County, Kentucky on 10/30/1880.
Subject allegedly taught folk music
at New York University from 1932 to
1943. She claims to be District
Organizer for the United War Relief
Agencies at McLaughlin Heights,
Vancouver, Washington.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent NATHANIEL R. JOHNSON, JR.
Seattle, Wn. dated 5/19/44

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to reflect
the maiden name of Subject which was MARY MAGDALENE GARLAND.

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At Vancouver, Washington.

MOLLY JACKSON was interviewed on the pretext of Special Agent LEONARD RAYMOND VINER on June 5, 1944, at which time the following information was obtained.

Subject disclosed that she was born at Brushey Branch, Clay County, Kentucky, on October 30, 1880. According to JACKSON, she was a very renowned mid-wife in Horse Creek, Clay County and Harlan County, when she was young. JACKSON further disclosed that she was nationally famous as a folk song singer and as a folk song composer. It was learned from MOLLY JACKSON that she was born under the name of MARY MAGDALENE GARLAND and that she later married her first husband, named JACKSON. The subject's first husband died in a coal mine accident which appeared to have had quite a profound effect upon the subject since she numerous times mentioned the lack of preventive measures in the coal mines which caused her first husband's death and further stated that she wrote several folk songs about the hardships endured by the coal miners in Kentucky. According to MOLLY JACKSON, she also wrote a very well-known folk song about "The Mine Worker's Child," which related the cruelty of the mine operators. It was very easy to observe that MOLLY JACKSON was rather vehement against the treatment by the coal operators of the coal miners.

According to the subject, she had an accident in 1930 when a bus belonging to the Toledo Bus Company, Toledo, Ohio, hit her and she was rather seriously injured. Later the subject taught folk music in the Washington Square Branch of New York University in New York City from 1932 to 1943. During the same period, while she was teaching at New York University, JACKSON stated she sang songs on the radio program of the American School of the Air for the Columbia Broadcasting Company. The subject said that she has some 240 songs on file at the Congressional Library in Washington D. C. According to MOLLY JACKSON, she is a district organizer for the United War Relief Agencies at McLaughlin Heights where she resides, and she also minds the children of war workers in her community.

From the way MOLLY JACKSON talked, it appeared she was very friendly with RAYMOND ~~W~~AYCOCK who was the musical director for Queens County, New York, and is very well acquainted with JOHN ~~V~~ANCE of the Congressional Library in Washington D. C., who is a member of the ~~C~~ivil Liberties League.

MOLLY JACKSON expressed her desire for the re-election of FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT and during the conversation expressed her sincere dislike for JOHN L. ~~L~~EWIS, whom she claims has sold out the miners. The subject advised the writer that she intends to write the story of her life in the near future and publicize it all over the country.

The following description and information concerning the subject was obtained during the interview with her: MOLLY JACKSON, nee MARY MAGDALENE GARLAND, alias Mrs. GUST STAMOS, Mrs. GUST STAMATELETOS, and MOLLY JACKSON; 1219 H East 76th Avenue, McLaughlin Heights, Vancouver; female; white; married; 63 years old; born October 30, 1880, Clay County, Kentucky; about 5' 5"; about 170 pounds; black hair streaked with grey; green-grey eyes; wrinkled complexion; talks loudly and with mountaineer accent; has gold tooth in the front center of her upper set of teeth; is stoop-shouldered; occasionally wears reading glasses.

This case is being closed in accordance with instructions received in Bureau Bulletin #40, Series 1944, dated 7/13/44.

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